

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Currently amended). A system for saving power in a wireless network, comprising:

an access point having a priority queue;

~~at least two or more stations with at least one station being a fixed wireless station;~~

an Automatic Power Saving Delivery (APSD) frame having schedule information of a data transmission to the ~~at least two or more stations~~;

an algorithm in the access point for calculating a receiving power consumption of the data transmission for the ~~at least two or more stations using a time of transmissions;~~

determining a priority transmission ordering based on an increasing order of the receiving power consumption of the data transmission; and

~~transmitting wherein the access point originates and transmits to the at least two or more stations the APSD frame of the schedule information having a transmission order based on the receiving power consumption calculation stored within the priority queue of the access point using the priority transmission ordering such~~so that the total power consumption of the network is minimized by transmitting in increasing order of the receiving power consumption of the data transmission, and wherein at least one of the ~~at least two or more stations~~ selectively awake from a sleep mode for the data transmission therewith based on the schedule.

2 (Currently amended). The system of claim 1, wherein the access point is configured to generate a TSPEC element comprising a Power Saving (PS) interval for specifying a timing offset relative to the current transmission.

3 (Original). The system of claim 1, wherein the access point is further operable unicast an APSD frame to the one or more stations to alter one or more of the scheduled wake-up times of the station in response to errors on the network and to the arrival of higher priority data.

4 (Previously presented). The system of claim 1, wherein the access point is further operable broadcast an APSD frame to the at least one of the at least stations to alter one or more of the scheduled wake-up times of the at least one of the at least station in response to errors on the network and to the arrival of higher priority data.

5 (Original). The system of claim 1, wherein the access point and priority queue is operable to allow the access point to ignore current scheduling activities and perform scheduling in response to errors on the network and to the arrival of higher priority data.

6 (Currently amended). The system of claim 1, wherein the algorithm for calculating the receiving power consumption of downlink data for the ~~at least two or more~~ stations is a function of one of a rate of the data transmission, a packet size of the data transmitted, a transmission time of the data transmitted, a packet length, a number of the packets in the transmission, and a combination thereof.

7 (Original). The system of claim 1, wherein the algorithm is further operable to aggregate together a plurality of low power transmissions comprising all currently scheduled data to a PS station before calculating the receiving power consumption.

8 (Cancelled).

9 (Original). The system of claim 1, wherein the priority queue of the access point is operable to order and enable the lowest transmission power downlink first.

10 (Original). The system of claim 9, wherein the priority queue is further operable to order subsequent transmissions based on which transmission has the lowest transmission power.

11 (Currently amended). A method of saving power in a wireless network comprising an access point, and one or more stations, wherein at least one station is a fixed wireless station, the method comprising:

calculating by the access point a plurality of receiving power consumptions of data to be transmitted to respective stations;
determining a priority queue ordering of the transmissions based on the plurality of receiving power consumptions calculated for each station such that the total power consumption of the network is minimized by ordering the transmissions in increasing order of the receiving power consumptions;
scheduling the data transmission for each station based on the transmission order;
communicating the schedule of the data transmission to each station; and
transmitting the data to the one or more stations according to the schedule.

12 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 11, further comprising:
determining whether a frame queue is empty in the access point;
informing the corresponding station about the end of transmission if the frame queue is empty in the access point;
disabling the transmission until next beacon; and
returning the corresponding station to the sleep mode until the next beacon.

13 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 11, further comprising:
awaking a station from a sleep mode to monitor a beacon from the access point;

determining whether the station's association ID is indicated in the beacon; returning the station to the sleep mode if the station's association ID is not indicated; decoding the frames on the wireless channel; and returning the station to the sleep mode until the next beacon, if the station's association ID matches in a frame and a MORE_DATA bit in the beacon is set to zero.

14 (Cancelled).

15 (Currently amended). The method of claim 13, further comprising: determining whether downlink data is to be transmitted from the access point to the station if the station's association ID is indicated in the beacon; and keeping the station awake until an Automatic Power Saving Delivery (APSD) frame containing schedule data is received.

16 (Original). The method of claim 15, further comprising returning the station to sleep mode after receipt of the APSD frame, and maintaining the station in sleep mode until the schedule data dictates that the station awaken.

17 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 13, wherein awaking the station to monitor a beacon from the access point, comprises awaking the station at a periodic interval to monitor a beacon from the access point.

18 (Currently amended). The method of claim 13, wherein determining whether a station's association ID is indicated, comprises determining whether a stations association ID is indicated within a Traffic Indication Map (TIM) of the beacon.

19 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 11, further comprising: scheduling an activation delay of the data transmission in an APSD frame for each station based on the transmission order;

sending out the APSD frames containing the schedule data;
clearing a MORE_DATA field in the last packet of the priority queue;
allowing the station to go into sleep mode until the next beacon.